

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Study

In life, people need a way to connect with each other. That essential tool that we require a tool that we need to be referred to as language. Language plays a crucial role in all societies that utilize it, as it serves as a means of interaction and communication between individuals, enabling them to comprehend one another. Language allows speakers to identify themselves and perceive their language as a representation of their identity.

As stated by Panjaitan (2017), language has a flexible and dynamic characteristics that will create new possibilities in communication, so it is impossible for language to stop in a word and meaning because language can change as fast as the growth of human life itself. In sociolinguistics, language is not only viewed as a set of rules, but also as a social system, a means of communication, and an integral part of a society's culture. Language variety refers to the differences in language use within a particular society. generally, the role of sociolinguistics is to examine of the diversity of languages selection and the appropriate use of language that corresponds to the context, circumstances, and various other factors to the interlocutor, in order to prevent inefficiencies, misunderstandings, and other language related issues. One notable sociolinguistic phenomena that we may observe in social interaction is the employment of slang terms . Slang words are informal expression that are commonly used in specific social settings by particular groups of people.

Humans are social being that are rely on each other for support and interaction. as results, humans require communication tools to To communicate with each other, language is a primary instrument within society. It is employed for the purpose of communication. Language permits individuals to express though to one another and communicate their needs. Which language is used society has agreed by participants in its meaning. according to Setiawan, et.al. (2018:261) Language is one of the tools for human communication. Without language, people

can be never communicate with others. In addition, people need language to communicate, see and provide beneficial information. In literary works, people use language in different ways, spoken and written language.

Slang refers to the unique and distinctive features of language that set it apart from standard or formal speech. According to Susanti (2015:22), slang can be a word or phrase that deviates from the usual form. It can be amusing, so the user of slang can make speech more informal and also make the situation more amicable with each other. In addition to that, it can be a defining trait of a specific group or community.

Allan and Burridge (2006) argue that slang is a modern or informal form of language. Slang refers to a language commonly used by individuals, particularly teenagers, in informal or everyday conversations. Allan and burridge (2006) added slang may be found in the shape of a single or group of words or a sentence that has several criteria such as use informal words, phrases, or sentences, nonstandard variety of language, used by particular people who are familiar with the term, more often in spoken than written, and become an unthinkable term for higher social status. Herman and Purba (2019:3) stated that slang can be defined as a collection of everyday languages that constantly change the words and phrases used by speakers to build or strengthen cohesive social identity in a group or with trends or fads in society in general. The usage and the combination of slang are greatly influenced by the culture and traditions of a specific place, community, or group. The writer will analyze slang words specifically in the novel. The title of the novel that will be analyzed by the writer is to *all the boys I've loved before by jenny han*.

To All The Boys I've Loved Before authored by Jenny Han, tells the story of Lara Jean Covey's letter to all of her former loves, which are intended solely for her. However, everything changes when those love letters are unexpectedly sent out her past crushes. This leads to a whirlwind of chaos as each of her previous loves confronts her one after another. Lara Jean stores her lover letters in a hatbox gifted by her mother. this novel was first published by Simon & Schuster and released on April 15th, 2014. Han drew inspired to for the book from her own teenage habit of love letters to boys she had feelings for .

p.i still Love you came out on May 26th, 2015. And always and forever, Lara Jean was released on May 2nd, 2017. This genre is a young adult romance. The slang used in this book can serve as jokes, expressions of happiness, and more. For instance, some slang phrases spoken by the character Lara Jean include "*fancy, discreet thumb-up, stick out of her,*" and so on. Jenny Han was born in the U.S. to South Korean parents and was raised in Richmond, Virginia. She attended the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies before going to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 2006, she earned a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in creative writing from The New School. Before she became a full-time writer, Jenny worked as a librarian. Her first novel, *Shug*, was created while she was still in college. She is well-known for her skill in writing narratives that reflect teenage life and cultural identity challenges. Besides writing novels, Jenny Han is also the creator and co-showrunner of *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series on Prime Video. While a language is a group of words in a fixed order with a particular meaning that differs from the meaning of each word alone. While a language is a group of words in a fixed order with a particular meaning that differs from the meaning of each word alone. Idioms are one of the most important aspects of a language. Everyone must obtain a deeper understanding of the idioms used by English speakers to communicate their feelings and conditions, since English is an international language (Haniah, 2020:4). Whenever you want to interact with native speakers who commonly use these expressions in everyday environments, you must understand and use idiomatic language (hmaidan,2021: 78). The idioms are an essential component of the native speakers, since they are accustomed to using them in the daily conversation (kuswardani, 2016:1). Native speakers often use idiomatic expressions spontaneously in carrying out a formal or informal conversation, as well as in a written context. According to (thyab, 2016:106), native english speakers use idiomatic terms in the conversation. For example, native speakers often say: "the ball is on your court" instead of "depends on you" when talking. That is why learning idioms is important for us as student.

1.2. Identification of the Problems

The novel "*To All the Boys I've Loved Before*" by Jenny Han is a popular piece of teen literature, especially among younger audience. It follows the journey of Lara Jean Covey a teenage girl who secretly writes love letters to her past boyfriend, but when these letters are accidentally exposed, her an unexpected turn. one captivating feature of this story is this story is the slang employed by the

characters. Slang consist of informal words or phrases that are often used in everyday conversation, particular by younger individuals or specific social group , and they have often distinct meanings that differs from standard language. The presence of slang in “ To All The Boys I’ve Loved Before” Lends a realistic and genuine quality to the conversations, mirroring the speech style of modern youth. While the characters use slang to convey their feelings, it also serves to deepen their character development and cultivates a more relaxed and familiar atmosphere.

1.3. Limitation of the Problems

There are two limitations to this study that must been taken into consideration. First, the study is limited to focus on Slang words are terms or phrases used in informal conversations, usually among young people or certain groups, that have a special meaning or differ from standard language usage. The use of slang words the novel “ To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before” presents conversations among characters that are both realistics and authentic. This study focus on the slang word type utilized by the characters. The goal of this study is to explore fresh and creative word, imitative words, acronyms word, clipping words, flippant words, remarks as dicussed by Allan and Burrige.

1.4. Research Question of the Problems

- a. What types of slang words have been used by characters in the To All Boys I've Loved Before novel?
- b. What are the meaning of slang word uttered by characters in the To All Boys I've Loved Before Novel?

1.5. Objective of the study

- a. To explore the type of slang word used by characters in To All the Boys I've Loved Before novel.
- b. To discover the meaning of slang word uttered by character To All the Boys I've Loved Before novel.

1.6. Significances of the study

1.6.1 Theoretical significances

- a. This research seeks to explore the theory of English language study as a component of English studies in the field of sociolinguistics. Sociolinguistics involves the analysis of slang vocabulary and the techniques

For identifying them by their types and meaning. It can be supports in enriching their of the slang language or slang word.

- b. The slang words in the novel are used to create a more relaxed feel of conversation between teenagers and portray the personalities and language styles of the characters. These slang words also help the reader feel more connected to the teenage world depicted in the story, and reinforce the contemporary themes in the novel.

1.6.2. Practical Significances

a. This research is not only advantageous for student of the English department but also for general public gain a deeper understanding of the English language, particularly slang. This study can offer readers insights into the informal language used in the novel. It will also assist readers in comprehending the various forms and significance of slang in the novel.

b. The slang words in the novel "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" can provide deep insight under the influence of Slang on young literary works. In addition, this research can also contribute to an understanding of how the use of slang words can represent the life of today's teenagers and how the use of language can affect character illustration in literary work.